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SUBJ: PRESS TREATMENT OF NEW TITLE II PROGRAM

1. AKP, THE KHMER PRESS AGENCY, CARRIED A STORY ON MARCH 5 AS  
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 4 AT 4 P..N THE PRIME MINISTER  
RECEIVED THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN, MR.  
JOHN GUNTHER DEAN, AND HIS TWO COLLABORATORS, MR. KEELEY,  
COUNSELOR OF THE EMBASSY, AND MR. SOHLIN, ACTING DIRECTOR OF  
USAID. THE AMBASSADOR HAD COME TO INFORM THE PRIME MINISTER OF  
A SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OF 20,000 TONS OF RICE DESTINED TO BE  
DISTRIBUTED FREE TO REFUGEES AND OTHER PERSONS, (WHO  
ARE) THE MOST NEEDY IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC, BY THE CHANNEL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS CARE,  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE, WORLD VISION RELIEF ORGANIZATION AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS. UNQUOTE.

2. THE FOLLOWING DAY A LONGER AKP STORY TOLD OF A  
PRELIMINARY MEETING THE MORNING OF MARCH 5 ON THE  
UTILIZATION OF THE 20,000 TONS OF RICE. PRESENT WERE  
FINANCE MINISTER KHY TAING LIM, REFUGEE MINISTER KONG  
ORN, USAID ACTING DIRECTOR DONNELLY SOHLIN, ASSISTANT  
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR THOMAS C. IRVIN, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

OF REFUGEES NHOENG NHAN. THE DISCUSSION WAS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF RICE, NOT ONLY TO REFUGEE FAMILIES, BUT ALSO TO OTHER CATEGORIES OF THE MOST POOR AND UNFORTUNATE OF THE POPULATION, IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN, OLD PEOPLE, WIDOWS AND MONKS HAVING SEVERAL ORPHANS IN THEIR CARE. THE DISTRIBUTION IS TO BEGIN THIS WEEK THROUGH THE CHANNELS OF THE PRINCIPAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES UNDER THE COORDINATION OF THE MINISTRY OF REFUGEES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND OF USAID. THE MANNER OF EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAM AND THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF FAMILIES OF NEEDY PERSON WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL MARCH 6 AT 4 P.M. BETWEEN USAID, THE HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

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